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TOPIC Military Information from the Tamplin Training Area

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1. Between 20 and 27 November 1950, it was observed that a construction unit of about 100 soldiers was engaged in repair work and in the construction of some new buildings in Camp Vogelsang (N 54/U 70). [ ] the guard detail of the camp, about 20 men strong, belonged to units stationed in Oranienburg and Prenzlau. The camp was occasionally inspected by Captain (Inf) Vazelenko (fnu) from Oranienburg.
2. A tank training area was located north of the wooden barracks of Camp Vogelsang. An earth shelter about 8 meters square, which was fenced in and of which only the roof was visible, was located east of the barracks buildings. Fuel drums were piled up in the small enclosure, which was not guarded. The German guards employed in the camp had to sign a statement pledging themselves to secrecy about everything they heard and saw in the camp. The statement said that the guard personnel were subordinate to the supply unit of Lieutenant Colonel Grunchenko or Grinchenko (fnu).
3. On 25 November, a field exercise was conducted in the training area north of the Havel River. The officers of the Soviet guard detail participated in the exercise. Rifle and machine gun fire was heard.

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4. No indications of the presence of Soviet troops were observed in the village of Hammelspring on 29 November. The western branch roads of the highway were still blocked, however. A sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets was standing at the junction of the highway and the railroad line.

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5. The entrance to Camp Hammelspring was blocked by a ditch across the road, and the sentry at the entrance was withdrawn. No troops or military activities were observed in the training area.

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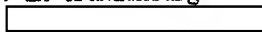
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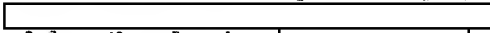
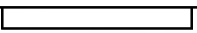
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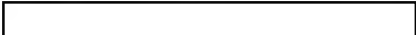
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25X1  Comment. The information on the Templin training area corresponds with information on other training areas where, after the departure of the troops, only small housekeeping and construction details remained, doing maintenance or additional construction work in the camps. Captain Vazelenko (fnu) presumably belonged to a unit of the 25th Tank Div in Oranienburg which furnished the camp housekeeping detail. 

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25X1  It supplements the sketch of Camp Hammelspring.  Camp Vogelsang is located on the southern bank of the Havel River. It probably borders on the northwestern section of Camp Hammelspring or constitutes only a section of Camp Hammelspring that was not entered on the previous sketch.

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